



CITY NEWS

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Delaware City Day Committee to Meet Volunteers Still Needed for 2008 Celebration

The 2008 Delaware City Day Committee will meet on Monday, January 14 at 7:00PM at Town Hall. The Committee has already begun work planning for this year's big day, scheduled for July 19.

The Committee is seeking additional volunteers to serve on the Committee and to help during the event. If you are willing to help with this year's Delaware City Day, please plan on attending the January 14th meeting or call Penny Merena at 838-0206. You can also email pmerena1@verizon.net.

Want to help support your Town's celebration, but do not have time for monthly committee work? We also need volunteers for 1-2 hour shifts to monitor children activities, coordinate parking, and coordinate the Parade line up. Volunteer for an hour or two to support your Town's celebration!

Help is still needed with organizing the parade, entertainment, and vendors, so Get Involved!

STORM WATER PROTECTION-Article II in a series: Pesticide Use (Part 1)

Pesticides are chemicals used to kill or repel pests-they are poisons. Pesticides include herbicides (which kill plants), insecticides (which kill insects), and fungicides (which kill fungi). When we see weeds or insects invading our favorite plants, our first response is often to apply a pesticide. A better approach in our gardens would be to select disease-resistant plants; plant varieties adapted to the geographic and soil conditions; maintain a rich, fertile soil, with the proper pH for the plants being grown; remove pest-infected plant residue in the Fall; and evaluate the availability of sunlight and water, gardens need plenty of each to help control pest problems. To control pests on your lawn, proper mowing heights are important. Set the mower to cut 2 1/2 inches. Mow often, each time the grass reaches 4 inches. It is important not to cut more than one-third the height.

Practice the vanishing art of hand-weeding. Till the soil in weedy areas rather than using herbicides. A few large insects, such as caterpillars, may easily be removed by hand. Use mulches to reduce weed problems, conserve moisture, and prevent soil erosion.

If all other controls have failed carefully choose a pesticide. Pesticides are usually effective only during certain stages of the pest's life. Select a pesticide that is designed to kill only the insects, weeds, or disease organism causing the damage. Extensive use of pesticides can kill beneficial organisms that help keep pest populations under control. Choose less toxic pest controls. Some oils and soaps kill pests on contact and pose little threat to the environment. When using pesticides: read the label-it tells how, when and where to use the product; apply only the amount specified on the label and apply only to the plants and areas listed; wear protection and do not wash clothing contaminated with pesticides with other clothing; do not mix different pesticides unless instructed to do so; keep pesticides in original containers; do not apply pesticides if rain is in the forecast (unless specified on the label) it may decrease effectiveness and possibly contaminate lakes and streams (read the label); never spray pesticides on breezy days-it poses a serious danger to untargeted plants and animals. *Source: Yard Care and the Environment by the West Valley City Storm Water Utility.*

City Elections Scheduled

The Delaware City municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Three seats on Council are up for election this year. The deadline for filing to become a candidate is Monday, March 3. Stop by Town Hall to pick up the necessary forms and for further information on qualifications for office.

Delaware City Website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

Have you visited the city's official website? If not you're missing out on a lot of important and interesting information about meetings and the activities of your government. The site also has links to other websites of interest, including Main Street's, for news about upcoming events. Check it out.

Reminders

Christmas Tree Recycling

Delaware City offers free curbside Christmas tree pick-up. Just leave your tree at the curb on any Monday this month. Be sure to remove all ornaments and tinsel before putting the tree out.

Snow Removal

Property owners and renters are reminded that they are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their home or business. By Code, sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of a snow or ice event. Please lend a hand to your elderly or disabled neighbor.

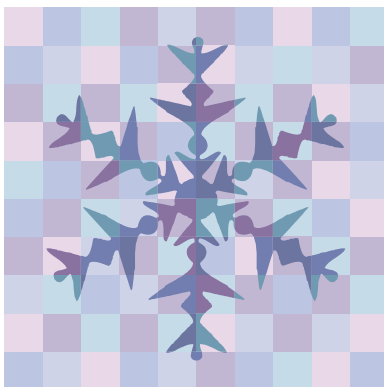
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Delaware City government will observe the MLK holiday on January 21. Town Hall will be closed and the Mayor & Council meeting has been moved to January 28.

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